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Re: Docket Nos. 10-90 and 96-45, USF Certification as required by 47 C.F.R.  
§§ 54.313 and 54.314, for the year 2013  
Maine Rural Telephone Carriers (attached)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On May 10, 2001, in its Rural USF Order, the FCC adopted a modified mechanism to provide high-cost support to rural carriers.<sup>1</sup> That Order requires states to certify that the rural carrier(s) in their jurisdiction will use the federal support in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This certification letter is being submitted to satisfy that requirement.

In accordance with the requirements of that Order and 47 C.R.R. §54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that the rural carriers only used support during the preceding calendar year (2012) and will only use support in the coming calendar year (2014) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

A list of rural LECs in Maine to which this certification applies is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joel Shifman at [joel.shifman@maine.gov](mailto:joel.shifman@maine.gov) or at (207)287-1381.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Director

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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, 14<sup>th</sup> Report and Order and 21<sup>st</sup> Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (rel. May 10, 2001) (Rural USF Order).

1. China Telephone Company 100004
2. Cobbosseecontee Telephone & Telegraph Company 100005
3. Community Service Telephone Company 100015
4. Hampden Telephone Company 100010
5. Hartland St. Albans Telephone Company 100011
6. The Island Telephone Company 100007
7. Lincolnville Networks, Inc.<sup>2</sup> 100003
8. Maine Telephone Company 100025
9. Mid-Maine Telecom 103315
10. Northland Telephone Company 103313
11. Oxford Telephone Company 100019
12. Oxford West Telephone Company 100002
13. Pine Tree Telephone & Telegraph Company 100020
14. Saco River Telegraph & Telephone Company 100022
15. Sidney Telephone Company 103313
16. Somerset Telephone Company 100024
17. Standish Telephone Company 100025
18. Tidewater Telecom, Inc. 100003
19. Union River Telephone Company 100027
20. Unitel, Inc. 100029 (Unity Tel)
21. Warren Telephone Company 100031
22. West Penobscot Telephone Company 100034

<sup>2</sup> Lincolnville Networks, Inc. was designated by the Maine Public Utilities Commission as an ETC, and replaces Lincolnville Telephone Company as the ILEC in the Lincolnville service area. See *Lincolnville Telephone Company, Tidewater Telecom, Inc. & Lincolnville Networks, Inc., Application for Approvals Related to Merger of Lincolnville Telephone Company and Related Transactions*, Docket No. 2008-232, Order Approving Stipulation (August 29, 2008), attached hereto.